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SUBJECT: LPDR REACTION TO U.S. CHARGES ON CHEMICAL WARFARE

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REF: (A) FBIS OW 171613 SEP 81, (B) MOSCOW 13004

1. LPDR OFFICIAL MEDIA REACTION TO SECRETARY HAIG'S AND UNDERSECRETARY STOESSSEL'S STATEMENTS ON CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS USE IN INDOCHINA HAS BEEN DELAYED AND MUTED.

2. ECHOING HANOI'S LINE, THE LPDR PARTY DAILY (SIANG PASASON) ON SEPT 22 PUBLISHED VERBATIM ON ITS LAST PAGE VNA'S SEPTEMBER 17 COMMENTARY REJECTING SECRETARY HAIG'S CHARGES OF CW USE IN INDOCHINA (REF A). THE PAPER HAD ALSO ON SEPT 7 PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL LEVELING CHARGES AGAINST THE U.S. FOR HAVING ALLEGEDLY SENT BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS FOR USE IN AFGHANISTAN. THIS EDITORIAL -- ON PAGE TWO OF THE FOUR-PAGE PARTY DAILY -- REFLECTED CLOSELY SIMILAR SOVIET MEDIA REPORTS (REF B).

3. LPDR MEDIA HAVE THUS FAR NOT RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY HAIG'S CHARGE OF CW HAVING BEEN CARRIED OUT IN

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